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EPA Scientists Receive Agency's Top Honors

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Research Triangle Park, NC.....A team of scientists at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received the Silver Medal Award for superior service, one of the highest awards presented by the Agency to employees, at a ceremony on April 12 in Washington, D.C.

Daewon W. Byun, Ph.D., Joan H. Novak and Jeffrey O. Young, Ph.D., received the prestigious award for their outstanding research achievement in the development of a computer-based modeling system -- the Models-3 Community Multi-Scale Air Quality modeling system -- that can track multiple pollutants simultaneously across states. The model, released last summer, is used by governments, industry and universities to address regional and multiple air pollution issues.

Other employees in the Research Triangle Park who have received EPA Awards are:

- Virginia Moser, Ph.D., received the Science Achievement Award in Human Health for her contributions to the development of a battery of tests that has become the most commonly used screening technique for identifying and characterizing the toxicity of chemicals to the central nervous system.
- David Gemmill, Russell Wiener, Ph.D., Thomas Ward, Larry Cupitt, Ph.D., and John Cline as Team Members received the Contracts Management Award for excellence in supporting the procurement of monitoring instruments to measure fine particles in the air at 1,100 sites in the United States.
- Steven G. Perry, Ph.D., received the James Akerman Award for Ecological Effects Risk Assessment for his contributions to the development of cost-effective methods for evaluating risk to spray drift of pesticides.
- Robin Dennis, Ph.D., as a Team Member received the Science Achievement Award in Water for superior scientific accomplishment in modeling air and water nutrient loads to the Chesapeake Bay for the Chesapeake Bay Program Office 1997 Re-evaluation.